

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: 1793  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114  
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 27, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated November 27, 2009, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 27, 2010.

This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, and is being submitted as the submission with the Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until March 29, 2010 (March 27, 2010 being a Saturday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file and/or if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly

request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.